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"Road to Success" Ends in Sunnydale Celebration

Residents of both Sunnydale and Potrero Hill were honored during the "On the Road to Success" luncheon held Oct. 17 at the Sunnydale Auditorium.

Affirming the real achievements of families in a *Family Community Partnership* program while honoring the efforts of all who fight poverty, neighbors from both Potrero Hill and Visitacion Valley came together Oct. 17 at the Sunnydale Auditorium for *On the Road to Success*.

Sunnydale Senior Tenants Association contributed their culinary talents in making the luncheon event a success.

"People of all backgrounds need to come together publicly to affirm the courage and efforts of those who struggle against persistent poverty," said Robin Mohr, project manager for the Red Cross. "It is within our society's means to prevent hunger, ignorance, violence and homelessness."

Honored were families living in public housing who have made a outstanding efforts towards family self-sufficiency and local agencies for their community leadership. Several honors were also bestowed upon neighborhood leaders for exceptional work in their communities, including:

*Darnisha Wright of the San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA) Office of Community and Resident Involvement and a member of the Family-Community Partnership Community Advisory Council, a strong force in organizing the Potrero Hill Jobs and Health Fair, new SFHA Preparedness Teams, as well as *On the Road to Success*.

*Joyce Armstrong, Waymon Nichols, and Michelle Littlefield, recognized for their long term commitment to their communities as tenant leaders.

*Gwen Washington, SFHA property manager for helpful assistance to tenants.

**Zap Project* of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, a substance abuse prevention and day treatment program to help young people between the ages of 11 and 25, for their efforts to promote self sufficiency.

A final award went to Vernon Long, executive director of the Village who has served the people of Visitacion Valley for nearly three decades, followed by the reading in partt of a testimony to him: "For over 25 years, Mr. Vernon Long has been dedicated to providing a safe haven, a wholesome family structure, independence, instilling pride and overcoming social and preconceived obstacles for at-risk residents of Geneva Towers and the entire Visitacion Valley community... His vision in creating the *Village* is a marvel to others. His integrity, strength, sense of fair play and respect for all ethnic groups represented in the community is to be commended."

PUC Proposes New Waste Line

Project Would Be On Sunnydale Ave.

S.F. Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has revealed preliminary plans to supplement Visitacion Valley's current sewer system with a new line to run beneath Sunnydale Avenue.

Planning for the new line would be completed by the middle of 1998 with the system's design scheduled to take another nine months. If the project stays on schedule, construction could begin by mid-1999.

PUC's Ella Brown, along with project manager Manfred Wong and Barry Pearl from the Bureau of Systems Planning and Regulatory Compliances, explained to Visitacion Valley Task Force (VVTF) members that the new line was deemed necessary to alleviate overflow now jeopardizing the present inadequate system during the rainy season.

Pearl, who assists the City in getting permits for construction projects explained that the new line would be installed in two parts, both east and west of Bayshore Boulevard

"What we're proposing initially is to do a tunneling project rather than open cut construction," said Pearl of a 12-foot diameter tunnel planned to run from the foot of Sunnydale Avenue to Candlestick Point State Park. West of Bayshore, more traditional cut-and-cover construction is proposed along Sunnydale ranging in diameter from 6 to eight feet. The line will then hook up with existing pipe.

Future community meetings will solicit neighborhood ideas and opinions as the project's planning continues.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

VVTF members gave approval to Rita Adrian of Community Boards, who described plans for two meetings to provide leadership training. A preliminary meeting would facilitate dialogue and generate ideas to plan training for the second session.

ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY

Gloria Woo from the Mayor's Office of Community Development updated the task force on the final round of appeals for proposal funding denied by the Enterprise Community. Three appeals from various neighborhoods--including one from Visitacion Valley Bilingual Education, Supportive Services and Training (VVBLSST)--were each denied in a special meeting Oct. 20 where a panel did not find any unfair review process in denying funding to the applicants.

NEW OUTREACH WORKER

Judith Sandoval is the new outreach worker for the Enterprise Community in Visitacion Valley, replacing Georgette Allen.

TASK FORCE BYLAWS

VVTF members agreed with Julie Kavanagh's motion to refer the organization;s disputed bylaws to a bylaw committee while opening the bylaw committee to new members to maximize input.

LELAND REVITALIZATION

Surveys have now been distributed to both residents and merchants in Visitacion Valley so that researchers can determine the various types of goods and services the neighborhood would like to see. At least 13 sites in the community have been designated as points where surveys can be accessed.

NEXT MEETING

Next VVTF meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Community Center gymnasium, 50 Raymond Ave.

ESNBC Looks to Expand Outreach

Outreach has become a top concern of the El Dorado School Neighborhood Betterment Council (ESNBC) which held it regular monthly meeting Oct. 14 at El Dorado School.

Council members also talked about a number of neighborhood concerns, including illegally parked cars with *For Sale* signs on Mansell Avenue, public drunkenness and urination along San Bruno Avenue, and the recent eviction of a problem resident.

Topics discussed in generating more community interest include formation of a membership committee to streamline mailing lists to active participants and those wishing to stay abreast of local issues. ESNBC is also considering guest speakers to discuss a specific topic or concern, as well as regularly publicizing its proceedings.

ESNBC is a group of concerned citizens meeting monthly on the second Tuesday to discuss various neighborhood issues. Topics of discussion include community safety, illegal parking, graffiti and traffic problems. A police officer from Bayview Station normally attends meetings to discuss various safety issues and resolutions. Since 1991, ESNBC has effectively worked with various City and state agencies to make Visitacion Valley a safer place to live and work.

Neighbors are invited to attend the next ESNBC meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at the El Dorado School, 70 Delta St.

Mayor Declares a Clean Water Day For San Francisco

By Gerry L. Galvan

When Mayor Willie Brown declared Oct. 14 *Clean Water Day* for San Francisco before a seemingly elite gathering at Candlestick Point State Park he expressed that, "San Francisco has been fortunate to be the focal point of an issue that has plagued the whole nation decades ago."

In observing the 25th anniversary of the federal Water Pollution Control Act that day, later known as the Clean Water Act of 1972, Brown acknowledged efforts of government officials who made it possible for people all over the U.S. to enjoy truly clean and wholesome water.

He took time during his brief appearance to introduce members of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) participating in a ceremony planned weeks earlier. One member, Dennis Normandy, played an extra visible role during the event as master of ceremonies.

Little did the U.S. Congress envision what the federal water act would cost taxpayers. In the last 25 years, the federal government has spent $60 billion through grants and low interest loans for construction of sewage treatment plants and sewer lines, while states and municipalities added billions extra as matching funds for their projects.

Politicians throughout the nation have heralded the results as strikingly satisfactory. "Nationwide rivers and estuaries are on the road back to health," says a newly printed PUC brochure.

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A Journey into the Future of Mankind

By Gerry L. Galvan

Modern day children, including those at Visitacion Valley, "face many more challenges than we did at their age," so that they "...must learn much more in school to be able to compete in our highly technological society."

Such were the words of assessments of global situation expressed by Julie Kavanagh, Visitacion Valley Community Center executive director who delivered a guest sermon during an Oct. 19 Sunday worship at St. James Presbyterian Church.

Filling in for the vacationing pastor, Kavanagh joined the service at the invitation of the *Men of St James* and exhorted a truly attentive congregation to learn while teaching children to make their own decisions. Talking is only a third of the process in communication, she reminded the group, while listening and understanding are the other two-thirds.

Following is her sermon:

Visitacion Valley is more my home than any other place. Since beginning my work at Visitacion Valley Community Center, I've spent more time here than anywhere, including where I was born and raised. I have learned a lot here, I want to share some of it with you today.

In the Old Testament, Moses led all his countrymen through treacherous country toward the Promised Land.

In the early days of our own country, people journeyed across the vast ocean to seek haven for freedoms of the most basic kind--religion, free speech, the right to raise their families in the best way they knew how.

Today, we are involved in another kind of travel: the journey into the future of mankind. It is still a very treacherous journey, and the terrain is vast and difficult.

Our children face so many more challenges than we did at their age. They must learn much, much more in school to be able to compete in our highly technological society. They must face pressures from classmates and neighbors and media and other adults even, to act in ways that we are not always going to approve or agree with.

We must learn how to teach them to make their own decisions about these pressures every day, for we cannot be with them every second, nor can we anticipate all the types of questions for which they must find an answer every day.

We must learn for ourselves too, for our adult world has changed as well. The solutions to things that we saw our own parents use are not always the solutions that seem correct to us today. Our multi-cultural society requires solutions to problems that work well for all cultures. Why? The reason is because we all live so close together. Our kids talk to each other in school. We talk to each other at work, in church, in the supermarkets and laundromats. We look at each other and can't help comparing ourselves to each other. This is not always good, for it is not right or fair to compare with jealous hearts and jaundiced eyes. On the other hand...we can use comparisons to learn from and with one another.

VVCC's Julie Kavanagh spoke optimistically of peaceful co-existence during a visit to St. James Presbyterian Church.

We need to talk to one another and share concerns and solutions with each other. We need to receive information from others with open hearts and eagerness to share and learn. Every family knows that living together is very hard. Each person in the family must go more than halfway in order to live together peacefully in an atmosphere of growth and a good quality of life.

These days, it is often accepted that it's OK to have this attitude. "This is who I am, and if you don't like it, I don't want to get along with you." The trouble is that we live too close together for that idea to work anymore. We MUST get along. The only barrier to getting along is the lack of desire. We all can care for each other, if we let ourselves!

The first step to getting along is to share ourselves more freely. We can tell each other about our traditions and customs, and maybe share stories, food, music and other expressions of who we are. We can listen to each other and learn. Try to find common feelings in our expressions, stories, music, etc. If we don't understand something, we should ask about it over again, until we can understand. We should ask in a peaceful, friendly way--not as if we have lost patience, or as if the other person should have the entire burden of clear communication. Remember, in communication, talking is only 1/3 of the process. Listening and understanding are the other 2/3.

In order for the first step to work, there is a second, essential step. That is making time for each other. This world is too, too busy. All of us have much to do. We need to help each other handle the press of day to day activity and we need to make time for ourselves to help others.

Thank you for inviting me here today. I enjoy your service and can see we have much to bring ourselves together with. Thank you all for that!

Grapevine Mailbox

Concerns on Draft EIR For New Construction At Candlestick Point

Following are letters sent Oct. 9 and 20, 1997 to Diane Wong, reviewer at the S.F. Planning Department by Little Hollywood residents Daniel Macchiarini and Don Bertone concerning a Draft Environmental Impact Report dealing with new construction scheduled at Candlestick Point

Dear Ms. Wong:

Thank you for sending me documents entitled "Notice of Preparation" outlining the intention of City of S.F. Planning Department to create a DEIR study for the new Forty-Niner stadium/mall project. After reviewing these documents, it is somewhat ambiguous as to how my opinions, as an individual citizen, fit into the process at this point in time. None-the-less, I will put them forward here and trust that they may be useful to you and your department for the DEIR.

First, it would appear that there are several very positive aspects of the proposed project as outlined in the documents you sent me. These include the intersection and signal improvement along Harney Way and Alana/Beatty Roads leading to Candlestick Park/Point as outlined in area #2, Page 6 under "proposed transportation improvements (on-off) site map. If I am reading this correctly, it appears that there will be new stop lights and crosswalks so that Candlestick Point park is "cut off" from access from bicycle or foot (runners/walkers) traffic from the north side of Harney Way for approximately 2 to 4 hours before and after every game. With the construction of the new neighborhood in Executive Park, it will become even more important that safe, well-marked and policed crosswalks with uninterrupted signals bet set up so that the park can be accessed and used at all times.

Further, it would appear that parking for workers who will be doing the actual construction and demolition for the project has been worked out with the shuttles and road improvements as outlined in area #3 of the same map on transportation improvements. This is smart and may be something that is used even after the construction is completed. Seventy-five thousand people going to any event at Candlestick could use another parking lot, particularly one that has a convenient shuttle. Candlestick Point park could also benefit from this as well. Wind surfers, kyakers, pier fishermen and other park users need to get closer with their vehicles so they can on and off-load their recreational equipment. Most fans don't have these needs so park users should have some parking areas which are reserved for them even on "Game Days."

Other aspects of the proposed project seem to present unacceptable features. On page 5 and within the map entitled "Candlestick Point Project" there is a proposed "Ring Road." The east, northeast and southeast sections of this road appear to cut into existing Park lands. If this is so, this is in direct contradiction to promises made by both Carmen Policy and Eddie DeBartolo at three separate community meetings I attended during the campaign to pass propositions D and F. At the time, I personally questioned Mr. Policy on this issue and he not only indicated that "absolutely no existing park land would be taken for the new stadium project" but also that the Forty-Niners were prepared to "foot the cost of" and work with California Park Department to create "improvements" in existing facilities."

Further, the Northeastern one-half of the stadium also appears to be located on park land. It is "shaded" as "area to be acquired" on the same map. If this is so, this is also unacceptable.

Other aspects of the proposed project seem to be very unclear or overlooked. There do not seem to be any provisions for safe bicycle road lanes nor parking of any kind at the mall or around the stadium. I believe that the new stadium and its access roads should be made "bicycle friendly." This means that bike lanes would be clearly designated, marked and, if necessary, separated from auto roads with concrete barriers to assure their safe use and bicycle integrity. Bicycle parking on site at the Stadium Mall would be in areas which were as close as possible to all these facilities, secure, free and in preference to autos and even busses.

All of this is very important because it is unclear from the proposal where 75,000 people are going to park their cars to go to games and "big events" like concerts. Crowds of this size will generate the need for parking at least 25,000 autos. Even now with crowds of 60,000, there are still parking problems caused all the way back a mile or so into my neighborhood in Little Hollywood. It would appear that the mall and the new stadium will take up more areas which are now used for parking. This in turn will put even more pressure on "outlying areas" like my neighborhood.

Lastly, I would request to know when, if any, public hearings will be held during the DEIR or final EIR process. I would like to speak and hear others speak about these issues. I believe that intelligent public dialogue can produce positive solutions.

Thank you,
Dan Macchiarini

Dear Ms. Wong:

We are requesting that this EIR should include a study of traffic patterns that have impacted the Little Hollywood area.

There is currently only one road between Bayshore Boulevard which leads to the San Francisco office development and Candlestick Park.

This two lane road, Blanken Avenue, is already becoming overloaded with traffic from day-to-day use. On a game day, this road becomes gridlocked to the point that it takes almost one half-hour to drive from Executive Park to Bayshore Boulevard.

The only other major street, Tunnel Road, doesn't really go to either Candlestick or S.F. Executive Park. It is constantly used, illegally by 18-wheeled semi and dirt trucks. It is also used by customers and employees alike hauling trash and hazardous waste to the Sanitary Fill Company.

We have signs posted that notify drivers that there is as low as a 3 ton weight limit on that road, all to no avail. The Department of Parking and Traffic and the S.F. Police never enforce traffic laws on this street. The damage caused by these trucks has caused the street to become a "washboard" because the trucks actually move the pavement around. Caltrans has removed the fence along this street because it was continually being hit by trucks. We have requested that it be replaced but they have never responded. We are now stuck with a view of a dilapidated train yard that the fence once blocked

We have contacted the Planning Department and the Bureau of Building Inspection concerning illegal construction on the 100 block of Tunnel Road to the commercial store there. This street has become permanently gridlocked with these double parked semi trucks along with cars, City vehicles and other regular trucks that use the liquor store and sandwich shop there. Because the City has turned a blind eye to this illegal growth, this main entrance to the neighborhood is now a dangerous, almost impassible street. To date, no City agency contacted has done anything to alleviate this problem. There is now an illegal auto repair shop on that block that parks junk cars in those scarce parking spaces and on the sidewalks for weeks on end with no one from any department doing anything about it.

The intersection at Bayshore Boulevard itself has been listed as one of the most difficult to navigate due to the fact that it was poorly designed for the seven different roads that intersect it. Traffic flows are such that only a few cars can leave Blanken Avenue during a green light. This adds to the congestion. Pedestrians can only cross this intersection if they run fast enough before the lights change.

The City and Caltrans cannot even regulate normal ballgame traffic without closing off the only freeway exit serving the Vis Valley area. This is done for every game long before the traffic starts with no method for alerting motorists before they get to it. We used to have a program where Caltrans would have signs at exits before this one which would at least allow the residents to get off the freeway and take a local street home rather than have to drive halfway downtown to the next available exit and then double back. Residents have to find alternative methods to get home, creating much hardship for them, as ballpark patrons are given ultimate priority to use our scarce roads.

Roads in this area are chronically neglected and traffic enforcement is nonexistent, except for the game days, and even then, only a token effort by traffic control personnel onsite is ever made.

Whenever there is an event at Candlestick, any parking places that were available to the residents are now gone. When legal parking places run out, they simply park illegally in crosswalks, by wheelchair ramps, at fire hydrants and double parking, etc. Whenever we have sought to have DPT or SFPD do something about this, they respond by telling us that they will ticket the residents' cars also. We have been told repeatedly that we should accept the parking because it is only temporary and it will only end up costing us in parking fines if they come out here. We had a form of residential parking permits in the past that allowed the police to determine who was a resident and who was just going to the game. This program worked but was stopped by the department because it was too informal.

We feel that all parties involved need to make sure that there are sufficient funds to deal with these and other traffic problems that will arise due to the Candlestick expansion. In the past, committees were set up to start dealing with ballgame traffic, but were soon abandoned after it became apparent that these were only to meet a requirement of building but never had any intention to really deal with the traffic problems. There should be adequate funding to allow the surrounding community to have real input that will be acted on. All to often, a developer gets their project, and then leaves the traffic mess up to someone else to straighten out. More often that not, it becomes a permanent problem. Before anything gets approved, a traffic plan should be created and presented to the community for approval.

Don Bertone
Little Hollywood Association

Following is a letter sent Oct 22, 1997 from Ralph Oroquita of the Little Hollywood Committee to Hillary Gitelman, environmental review officer and Diane Wong, reviewer at the S F Planning Department concerning Candlestick Point DEIR.

Dear Ms. Gitelman and Ms. Wong:

I am writing to recommend that the EIR include some of the concerns of the residents of the Little Hollywood and Visitacion Valley communities.

The cumulative environmental impacts from the proposed Mills Mall at Candlestick Park must also be estimated and included. A large portion od Candlestick Park traffic drives through, parks within, and creates traffic congestion within our communities. A very large parking problem already involves our communities and will increase during construction, events and football games at Candlestick. There will also be a large increase in the tailgate parties at the Little Hollywood Community Park.

The Little Hollywood streets are a major thoroughfare for vehicle and foot traffic into the stadium. There will be an increase in graffiti on fences and homes, and vandalism to homes and autos within the community by people that are going to or coming from the stadium or proposed mall. There will be a need for increased emergency services.

A response time study will also be necessary because of the excessive traffic and the loss of level of service. Excessive traffic into and out of our communities will interfere with the response of emergency vehicles, such as fire fighting equipment, police, hazardous waste containment equipment, and ambulances. There will be an increase in auto accidents and toxic air contaminants and emissions. Earthquakes and the possible damage and destruction must also be considered as a potential increase in the response time for emergency services during peak traffic in our communities.

The information of the traffic patterns that are generated by the new Giants stadium, the Cow Palace, and other events must also be included in the EIR. Southbound traffic from the Giants stadium events and the proposed University of California complex at Mission Bay will add traffic on Highways 101 and 280.

The increase in the amount of vehicle traffic and toxic air emissions when the major expansion of the San Francisco International Airport is completed should be compiled for the EIR. The late summer, fall and winter fly-over pattern puts air traffic directly over our communities.

Additional traffic and other impacts may be generated from the proposed construction of 500 housing units at Executive Park, 100 housing units at the Geneva Towers replacement site, 100 senior housing units at the John King Center site, 100 housing units at the Britton Street site, and 42 housing

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A Sports Proposal For McLaren Park

San Francisco Disc Golf Association, along with several stars of the national disc golf professional tour, demonstrated their sport on Oct. 8 to a good sized group of park officials, public schoolteachers, the *Friends of McLaren Park* and interested neighbors. The association is proposing a *disc golf* course for McLaren Park.

Disc golf professionals explain rules of the game to enthusiastic P.E. instructors from the S.F. School District.

Disc golf is a sport played on a course much like a regular golf course, except that Frisbee-type discs are used, and the hole is a large metal basket on a 74-inch pole. The golf course has no *greens* and little maintenance is required, although folks who play the game have a code of honor similar to regular golfers, and are known for picking up not only their own trash, but the trash of others they find while out on the course.

Many City officials have testified, from Washington State to the East Coast, that the presence of a *disc golf* course is a powerful crime deterrent. *Disc golf* is a very popular sport, with courses in use all day long and into the evenings all year 'round. Heavy course use keeps more remote areas of parks well-used, thus making it harder for those with less wholesome concerns to use them unobserved.

Second place finisher of the World Disc Golf Championship demonstrated how to "sink a putt" in the "pole hole."

Another popular sport played with a Frisbee is *Ultimate Frisbee*. More physical than *disc golf*, it is like football with a frisbee, with cleats on shoes for traction but no padding. Teams of seven play on a football-sized field, with many businesses and colleges competing worldwide.

Disc golf is popular with all ages, but *Ultimate* is especially popular with teens, twenties, and the hardier of the thirties set.

Clean Water Day

From Page 1

In a statement sounding more political than factual, the S.F. PUC claims. "In San Francisco Bay, the total pollutant load from municipal wastewater plants is now a fraction of what it was in the early 1970s. Shorelines which were once frequently contaminated have become useable again."

A politically interesting item at the Oct. 14 event was U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi's discourse on how some rivers in the country had been so polluted by industrial chemical discharge that one river in Ohio burned a few years ago. "We went a long way to achieve what we enjoy now in terms of clean and safe water for all use," said Pelosi, who spoke eloquently and without notes on the role of government in cleaning our water supply.

She was later joined by Carol Browner and Felicia Marcus of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as well as federal and regional administrators.

Meanwhile, the S.F. PUC is scheduled to conduct a local survey to determine neighborhood opinion of installing additional pipe in the area to relieve the existing potable water system.

Over the years, there has been a vocal and silent debate on whether or not government--federal, state or city--has any moral right to enter the picture of cleaning waterways. Free enterprise exponents have insisted on a position that the free market and Mother Nature can do a better job than the government.

"It's a waste of taxpayers money to spend billions of dollars on projects which bureaucrats have little or no expertise on," rings the conservative argument.

Liberals express a different view of the matter. They are the reason why the U.S. has the *Clean Water Act of 1972*.

Mayor Brown declared Oct. 14 "Clean Water Day."

Nationwide Celebration Will Promote Recycling

By David Assmann
S F Recycling Program

November 15th, 1997 has been designated as America Recycles Day--a nationwide celebration of recycling designed to promote recycling and the purchase of recycled products. The idea behind America Recycles Day--which is sponsored by a wide range of organizations and agencies around the country--is to build on the success of recycling and to raise awareness about the need to purchase recycled products to support recycling.

Recycling doesn't end with putting your recyclables out on the curb or in your apartment recycling bin. In order for there to be a market for collected recyclables, manufacturers need to use recycled materials in products that are sold to consumers. And consumers need to search out products with recycled content to support recycling.

That's why it's important, whenever you're making a purchase, to look for recycled content.

For example, many paper products, including writing paper, paper towels, toilet paper, and greeting cards, are available with and without recycled content. By buying paper products with recycled content, you're able to help support your curbside recycling program.

A number of activities will be held in San Francisco to celebrate America Recycles Day. Norcal Waste Systems will be conducting tours to show residents what happens to their recyclables after they are collected, and there will be drawings with prizes. Residents can also fill out cards pledging to buy recycled and increase recycling. By pledging, residents will become eligible to win the American Green Dream House in a random drawing.

You can make your pledge electronically on the Internet at www.carmdz.org/ca-recycles, by calling 1-800-YES-1-CAN (1-800-937-1226), or by filling out the America Recycles Day Pledge Card that you'll find in the San Francisco Recycling Program ad in this paper.

For more information about America Recycles Day activities in San Francisco, call our 24-hour hotline at 554-RECYCLE (7329).

And while we're on the topic of special days, November 20th, 1997 will be the third anniversary of Use Less Stuff Day, a national day dedicated to encouraging people to use less during the holidays. According to the organizers of Use Less Stuff Day, an additional one million tons of waste per week is created nationwide between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Use Less Stuff Day is sponsored by more than 270 organizations, including the U.S. EPA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Keep America Beautiful.

Taking waste prevention one step further, November 28th is International Buy Nothing Day. Last year, organizations in 10 countries, including the United States, used this day to encourage consumers to buy nothing on the busiest shopping day of the year.

There are many ways to reduce waste during the holidays. One step you can take now is to reduce some of the junk mail you receive. Changes to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act took effect Sept. 30, 1997 and under one provision of the new law, consumers can call toll-free numbers to remove themselves from lists used by credit card companies and some direct marketers to solicit them by mail. Consumers need call only one of the three major national credit bureaus to get off all such lists. The special *opt-out* numbers are:

*Equifax: 1-800-556-4711

*Experian (formerly TRW): 1-800-353-0809

*Trans Union: 1-800-680-7293

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), "Consumers gain protections against unsolicited credit and insurance offers, including the multiple credit card offers that many consumers receive on a daily basis. Under the old law, creditors and insurers were able to use the credit reporting agencies' file information as a basis for developing lists of consumers to whom they send offers. Under the new law, consumers can follow a simple procedure to *opt-out* of inclusion on future lists. They can call a toll-free number that each bureau has established (that will appear prominently on each offer), and have their name removed from these lists for two years. If they request, they will be sent a form that will allow them to take their names off of these credit bureau lists permanently."

If you would like additional waste prevention tips, call our hotline at 554-7329 and we'll send you a free copy of our Eco Holiday Waste Reduction Guide.

Volunteer Meeting

S.F. Recycling Program offers volunteers opportunities to participate in waste prevention with the Recycling and Hazardous Waste Programs. Areas of opportunity exist in web page publication, graphic design, research, and document translation. Volunteer meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., 1145 Market St., Ste. 401 (in-between 7th and 8th Streets/Civic Center exit BART and Muni) in San Francisco. Next meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 3. For more information, call 554-3404.

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IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS THEN WE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU IMMEDIATELY!!!

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Parents Can Help Students Get the Most Out of Their Educational Experience

By James Combes Wogan
VVMS Child Counselor

Hello from Visitacion Valley Middle School! Throughout the year, we hope to offer some insights into the concerns that parents typically have about children during middle school years. Although our focus is on middle school children, we see all parents and the community as part of our team that is committed to making sure children like school and benefit from their education. This article contains a few ideas on how to make this a successful school year.

FIRST OF ALL, GET READY FOR CHANGES

During middle school, pre-teenagers go through many changes; their bodies change, their relationships change, and, believe it or not, their thinking becomes more sophisticated. Physical growth, hormonal changes, and new perspectives all contribute to the ways children relate to their friends and family during the middle school years. Although they do not always show it with their words or actions, young adolescents are still strongly influenced by their families.

COME TO SCHOOL!

When parents participate in their children's education, students are more confident, perform better academically, like school more, and have better family relationships. Too often, parents only become involved at school when there is an academic or behavioral problem. Generally, as children get older, parents are less involved with school or after-school activities. As much as possible, parents should participate in school activities and organizations, help in the classroom or on the playground, and make personal contact with the faculty and staff at school. Go to each parent night. Family involvement happens *at home* as well as at school. When parents set homework times and bedtimes, pack lunches, or help children get ready for school in the morning, they are taking an active role in the child's education.

It's important to make contact with your child's teachers and other parents and to show your child that you are interested and committed to his or her education *throughout the school year*. If you have educational concerns, contact the school. Parents who talk to us about their children have been really helpful. Again, the more parents are involved with their children's education, the better the children feel and the more they benefit from their education. Translators are often available during school hours.

Attendonce. Students need to be here. Excessive absence and lateness affects motivation and achievement. If they are late or absent, students will need to stay after school to make up work and there is no re-creating the classroom setting. Please help your child get to school on time each day. Rushing in late for class can be stressful and good friendships are often made on the playground before school starts. If you leave home before your child, check with the attendance office (467-4702) to make sure your child is arriving on time. If you pick up your child after school, call if you are going to be late.

Homework. Although assigned by teachers, parents need to be involved with their children's homework. You do not have to know more than your child to help with homework! Most students have homework every night. Homework time should not occur late in the evening or immediately after watching TV. At the same time, if students are told they can play or watch TV after all of their homework is done, they are often sloppy or rush through their work. Help your child get into the routine of reading, writing or working on projects for *at least* an hour and a half each night. Chose a regular time with your child and help him or her to start and stop at the same time each night. This year, a seventh grader reads or writes from 7 until 8:30 p.m. (with a 10 minute break), *whether or not he has any homework*. Now that he's used to the routine, his grades have gone from Ds to Bs! It helps if you also read or write at the same time that your child is doing his work. Ideally, each student will have a place to work with good lighting and few distractions. You will need to take a look to see what they are doing, particularly if they are easily frustrated or sloppy. Some students complete assignments but forget to turn them in. When it's time to do homework, it's best if students take all of their books out of their bookbag and place them in a stack to the left of their desk. Place the empty bookbag to the right of the desk and work on one subject at a time. When the homework from each subject is complete, place it back in the bookbag. When all assignments are complete, place the bag near the door and be sure it goes to school with your child when she leaves in the morning.

Helping. You can help! Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a good breakfast. Routines and predictable schedules make a difference. Turn off the TV yourself or you may need to ask 100 times! Bring them to museums, bookstores, and libraries. Quiz them before tests. Read to them or have them read to you! *Do not do their projects for them.* Take the time to help them do their work on their own. Talk about the day. Don't obsess about grades, but ask about what's confusing. Don't compare your kids with siblings or your friends' kids. Praise their efforts. Try to avoid asking the negative question, "Why did you do that?" Being positive goes a long way. *About 80 percent of what you say to your child should be positive.* If it's not, take advantage of the YMCA parent/kid groups offered at VVMS on Thursday evenings (Melissa Roth, 674-0886) or the parenting workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. The Visitacion Valley Community Beacon (452-4907) located on the first floor of VVMS offers tutoring, after-school activities, and all sorts of fun for everyone.

Problems. Tears, irritability, and sudden changes in mood are part of the preteen years and generally, preteens don't like it any more than you do. Try to keep your senses, it will offer a sense of stability to your child. If your child is upset about something that occurred at school, stay calm, listen, and ask questions. When possible, help your child to figure out the answers to her own problems. After talking with your child, if you feel it is warranted, make contact with the school. If it involves one teacher, contact that teacher. If the incident occurred in the general school setting, call the school office. In addition to our devoted teachers and staff, we have three vice-principals, learning specialists, school counselors, and social workers at VVMS. Communicate. School and parents are a team focused on the child. Teams need to work together. If you are not satisfied, be persistent. Respond to teachers' notes and phone calls. Middle school children are undergoing tremendous developmental changes. Don't be surprised if old ways of relating to your child need to be set aside or changed this year.

Finally, take care of yourself and your children will follow your lead!

If you would like more information, please contact the pupil services department at VVMS (469-4590). If we don't have the answers, we probably know somebody nearby who does.

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Task Force Notification

The VVTF Safaty Committae must be revitelized. A focel point is how to spend the $34,333 of San Francisco Enterprise Community funds thet is reserved for e Visitecion Valley Safety Progrem. VVTF members and residents of Visitecion Velley are invited to joln this committee.

The *Rules and Bylews Com-* mittee will elso be revitalized. This committee is open only to VVTF mambers beceuse it in- volves the opereting rules end principles of the Tesk Force. The committee will make recommen- detions as to how the amend- ments and bylaws effactad the election of officers et the August 23, 1997 Tesk Force meeting.

The VVTF Environment Committee is still active. Tesk Force members Relph Oroquita and Don Bertone, and three additional residents of Littla Hollywood: Richard Luces, Ron Gibson end Dan Mecchierini will continue to give updates and submit letters to the Task Force end the newspeper of Visitecion Velley, the Grepevine. The committee will be involvad with the Norcel/Sanitery Fill Compeny garbega transfer, recycling end hazardous weste facilities et Tunnel end Beetty Avenues; Forty-Niner Stadium/Mills Mall et Cendlestick Point end the Sunnydale Sewar Project.

Residents of Visitacion Valley /Little Hollywood ere invited to joln these committees. Formar members of these committees, pleese let the Task Force know if you can continue to serve on these very important committees. Written responses can be sent to the VVTF, c/o Visitecion Valley Community Centar, 50 Raymond Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94134 or call Ms. Judith Sandovel, (415) 587-7896, Fax (415) 239-8146.

Plaase reply as soon es possibla so frequency, places and times of committee meetings can be set.

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units at the Hester Avenue site. There may be a modified expansion plan for the Norcal/Sanitary Fill Company garbage transfer facility, recycling facilities and hazardous waste facility at Tunnel and Beatty Avenues. The cumulative impacts from existing and proposed developments from Brisbane, northeast Daly City, Visitacion Valley and Little Hollywood should be part of the EIR.

The traffic, toxic air emissions, noise level, roadways, level of service, emergency vehicle response time, earthquake consequences, additional emergency services, soil contamination at the site, additional water, sewer and electrical services that will be needed. Information should be extrapolated from (1) Mission Bay EIR (86.505E certified August 1990); (2) Brisbane General Plan; (3) San Francisco International Airport Master Plan EIR (86.638E certified May 28, 1992); (4) Sanitary Fill Company Recycling and Solid Waste Plan (89.567E draft EIR published February 24, 1995); (5) Port of San Francisco Waterfront Land Use Plan (94.155E certified December 19, 1996); and (6) Executive Park Development Plan (81.197 RSDE EIR).

The Geneva extension roadway between Bayshore Boulevard and Highway 101 has been proposed for over 30 years and is more od a myth than a reality. Caltrans will have an extremely difficult time getting the funds to build the 30-foot-high elevated overpass to carry a large volume of traffic over the Caltrain railroad tracks.

The proposed Third Street light rail system, as a proposal, has been around for about 25 years. It seems that it may be routed into the proposed stadium and Mills Mall. Building the light rail extension south into Visitacion Valley decreases the chances that this southern-most extension will ever be built.

The mitigation measures will offset the decrease in the tranquility and quality of life of the Little Hollywood and Visitacion Valley communities. The economic benefit that was the magic carrot to have the first stadium built has never materialized in the past 30 years.

The communities within Visitacion Valley, including Little Hollywood, would like more information on the stadium, Mills Mall and any other proposed development that will have a substantial and long term impact on our homes and businesses. Please add our names to any mailing list of hearings or public forums concerning this development. The toxic soil and ground water contaminants that will be exposed during construction should be studied and mapped to allow plenty of time for remediation. Delaying remediation of toxic contaminants until it is too late is a disservice to the City of San Francisco and to the people of San Francisco.

Thank you for your time,
Ralph Oroquita

Patrol Special Officers

Following is a letter sent Oct 12, 1997 to the S F Board of Supervisors concerning patrol special officers

Re: Patrol Special Officers

Apparently Chief Lau has requested that the proposal before the Police Commission, to expand the duties and responsibilities of the Patrol Special Officers, be held over for 60 days. We sincerely hope that the Chief will use this time to seriously consider the ramifications of an action such as is being put forth.

Let us repeat that, first and foremost, *Patrol Special Officers are not sworn peace officers*. They do not have the training that San Francisco police officers have. Not even all Patrol Special Officers have the same amount of training. The City of San Francisco has no jurisdiction over their actions yet bears the liability for any legal actions brought against them. Patrol Special beat owners are not under contract to the City and therefore are not obligated to adhere to any of the affirmative action or domestic partners rulings that apply to contractors.

With all due respect, Patrol Special Officers are probably the best of all private security officers in San Francisco. They are, however, privately contracted by merchants and organizations to patrol private property. In a document presented to the S.F.Board of Supervisors, the San Francisco Patrol Special "Police" Officer's Association claims that the City can save almost $9 million dollars per year by allowing them to volunteer to supplement the SFPD. This is a misleading offer. Someone has to pay for the services of these people. That someone is the merchants and organizations who have contracted with the Patrol Special Officers, and who rightfully expect that these Patrol Special Officers will dedicate heir security services to the premises they are contracted to serve.

Approval of the proposal to expand the duties and responsibilities of the Patrol Special Officers, in effect, privatizes and deregulates the delivery of police services in San Francisco. Under state law, this is illegal.

Approval of the proposal to expand the duties and responsibilities of the Patrol Special Officers diminishes the SFPD's ability to carry out the Community Policing programs. This jeopardizes federal funding for community policing projects such as *Weed and Seed* and other gang and violence prevention moneys. Years of sensitivity and cultural awareness training, and the careful building of police/community relations will go down the drain.

Approval of the proposal to expand the duties and responsibilities of the Patrol Special Officers to include providing police services to Treasure Island removes any control the SFPD may have over the safety and security of the island.

We urge you to carefully look into the effects that approval of the proposal to expand the duties and responsibilities of the Patrol Special Officers will have on the City of San Francisco and join us in support of asking the Police Commission to defeat this proposal.

Ethel Siegel Newlin

Abandoned Church Fire Kills Local Man

Nearly 100 firefighters rushed to the scene of a three alarm blaze at 8:13 p.m. on Oct. 23 which destroyed the already charred remains of the Rose Olivet Baptist Church at 2428 Bayshore Boulevard and took the life of a man sleeping in its basement.

Having succumbed to smoke inhalation in an unburned corner of the building, the dead man was later identified as Raymoin Shaw, 38, a local street personality who frequented Leland Avenue.

Determined to be accidental, firemen used more than two dozen pieces of equipment to battle the fierce flames before bringing the fire under control in about 90 minutes.

Boarded-up ever since an earlier afternoon fire burned for 40 minutes severely damaging its roof and interior on Mar. 31, 1994, the condemned property had been utilized as a makeshift shelter by several squatters.

Low Cost or No-Cost Safety Tips for Merchants

*Greet all customers with respect. Friendly and courteous service is good for business and may prevent unnecessary confrontations.
*Don't stert, escalate, or prolong a disegreement with a customer.
*Establish friendly reletionships with merchants adjacent to and ecross the street from your store. Watch and report the activities in and around their stores and esk them to do the seme lor you.
*Get to know the police officers that patrol the aree where your store is located.
*Don't cover the storelront windows with advertising posters. Use window tint film or awnings to reduce the sun's heat and glare.
*Storefront windows at street level and facing sidewalk foot traffic should provide a cleer view of activities within the store.
*The interior and exterior of the store should heve e good lighting design to eliminate any derk ereas.
*Parking lots should have strong lighting and bushes or hedges should be minimal and kept to a height of three leet or less.
*Install a loud but pleasent announcement sound and motion detector for alerting when someone enters or leaves the store.
*Install large curved security mirrors to see behind shelving. Instell e television surveillance camera with off-site recording.
*Don't allow a build-up of cash in the store or cash registers; make bank deposits as often es necessary.
*Immediately report threats or extortion attempts to the police.

Recipe of the Month

STEAK AU POIVE

1 tsp. whole black peppercorns; 2 cubed beef steaks; 2 tbsp. cooking oil; 2 tbsp. brandy; 1/4 tsp. instant beef bouillon.

Coarsely crack peppercorns. Sprinkle both sides of steak with crushed peppercorns, pressing in firmly with fingers. Let steaks stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Preheat a 10-inch microwave browning dish for 3 minutes. Add cooking oil to browning dish. Swirl to coat dish. Place steaks in browning dish. Micro-cook, covered for 1 minute. Turn steaks and micro-cook for 30 seconds to 1 minute or until done.

Remove steaks to warm server platter. Stir brandy and bouillon granules into liquid in browning dish. Micro-cook, uncovered for 30 seconds to 1 minute or until boiling. Pour over steaks and serve.

Serves 2.

NERT Day All Over the City

Visitacion Valley's NERT team leader, Joan Fanning, consulted with a citywide NERT drill official during the citywide drill held Oct. 18.

Visitacion Valley's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) collaborated with other San Francisco groups to stage a citywide drill on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Joan Fanning, the Valley team leader, cooperated with others around the City to teat a communication system and practice reporting emergency situations and responses.

Because Visitacion Valley is so isolated from the rest of the City, radio communication was troubled by static. Being lower than all the high hills made it difficult to hear and he heard on the strong *Ham* radios used in the exercise.

In the event of a real disaster, the Valley could have trouble calling for or getting help becauseof weak radio signals. Anyone having a television without cable knows this already.

Visitacion Valley NERT needs participation by as many neighborhood residents as possible, including those having *Ham* and/or *citizen band* radios. It is a vital line of defense for Valley residents, who could he cut off for up to four days without help in the event of an earthquake or other large disaster.

NERT members are trained by the S.F. Fire Department in a series of six classes, and learn how to deal with smaller types of emergency problems that fire and other rescuers would not have ample time to do. Training includes making homes and neighborhoods safer before the *big one* strikes and communication with officials in order to get quick response.

NERT needs you! A new training class will start in January. Make it your New Year's resolution to get NERT-trained in 1998. To sign up, call 558-3456.

NERT TRAINING PROGRAM

Sponsored by the S.F. Fire Department, the main goal of the NERT program is to help the citizens of San Francisco to be self-sufficient in a major disaster by developing multi-functional teams that are cross trained in basic skills.

NERT training consists of six classes, 2.5 to 3 hours in length, and taught by professional firefighters.

Class #1
*Earthquake type, magnitude, history and probability
*How to prepare before it happens
*What to do when the shaking starts

Class #2
*When and how to shut off gas, water, electricity
*Fire extinguishers
*Hazardous material awareness

Class #3
*Disaster medicine
*Triage...how to decide who to treat and when
*Care of minor injuries

Class #4
*Building damage recognition
*Light search and rescue techniques
*Lifting heavy objects

Class #5
*Team organization and management
*The City's disaster plan
*Disaster psychology
*Table-top exercise

Class #6
*Extinguishing fires
*Treating injured victims

Extrication of a victim trapped by heavy timbers
*Interior search for missing persons
*Exterior building damage assessment
*Award of Achievement

NERT training will be held in Visitacion Valley starting in mid-January, 1998 at the Visitacion Valley Middle School, 450 Raymond Ave.

Enroll by contacting S.F. Fire Department NERT Office, 260 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102-3706. Telephone number 558-3456.

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2. He hits his 61st season homer on Oct. 1.
3. They're the NBA champs.
4. And they won the World Series.
5. *Best Picture* at the Academy Awards on Apr. 17.
6. Volunteer organization got its start on Mar. 1.
7. He was singing about his *Runaway*.
8. Top money-making movie.
9. Starting Oct. 1, he'll only talk to Wilbur.
10. On Mar. 29, the 23rd Amendment gives them the vote in presidential elections.
11. Starting Sept. 28, she's the nosy maid.
12. They're the NFL champs.
13. On Nov. 29, a chimp orbits the earth twice in a space capsule.
14. He's president on Jan. 20.
15. First mention of this music.
16. He was the *Absent Minded Professor*.
17. *Record of the Year* at the Grammy Awards
18. Beginning Jan. 27, you could sing along with him.

A. Del Shannon
B. Hazel
C. Washington, D.C.
D. John F. Kennedy
E. Mr. Ed
F. Fred MacMurray
G. The Apartment
H. Roger Maris
I. Soul
J. Enos
K. Moon River
L. Mitch Miller
M. Peace Corps
N. The Guns of Navarone
O. New York Yankees
P. Alan Shepard
Q. Boston Celtics
R. Green Bay Packers

Answers: 1-P; 2-H; 3-Q; 4-O; 5-G; 6-M; 7-A; 8-N; 9-E; 10-C; 11-B; 12-R; 13-J; 14-D; 15-I; 16-F; 17-K; 18-L

This Month in S.F. History

NOVEMBER

1: In 1853, the short-lived Daily Evening News was started by C. Bartlett and F.W. Pinkham.
2: In 1853, the Daily California Chronicle (no relation to S.F. Chronicle of today) was commenced by Frank Soule and Co. In 1854, Washington Street between Dupont (now Grant Ave.) and Kearny Streets was paved with cobblestones.
3: In 1919, Presidio airstrip Crissy Field was dedicated.
4: In 1854, construction was completed on an Alcatraz lighthouse.
6: In 1862, a direct cross-continent telegraph line was established between San Francisco and New York.
9: In 1848, the first S.F. post office was established on Clay Street.
11: In 1924, the Palce of the Legion of Honor was dedicated. In 1931, cornerstones were laid for both the Veteran's Building and Opera House in the S.F. Civic Center. In 1957, demolition began on the cable car barn at California and Hyde Streets, former home of the California St. Railway, absorbed by Muni in 1952. In 1959, demolition began on Seals Stadium, home field of the Pacific Coast League S.F. Seals and Mission Reds since 1933, and transplanted S.F. Giants in 1958-59 for two seasons during construction of Candlestick Park.
12: In 1852, work started on the "first magnetic telegraph line" in the state. In 1854, the Daily Town Talk was established by William H. Mantz and Co. In 1936, after a bit more than three years of construction, the Bay Bridge was opened to traffic.
15: In 1941,the first Grand National Livestock Exposition,Horse Show and Rodeo opened at the Cow Palace.
17: In 1853, the City ordered street signs be placed at intersections.
18: In 1848, the California Star, first S.F. newspaper, resumed publication merged with the Californian under Edward Kemble after a two month suspension. In 1936, Golden Gate Bridge crews joined both sections of the main span.
21: In 1910, work started on a temporary S.F. City Hall on Market St.
22: In 1935, airmail service started between S.F. and the Philippines on Pan American Airways.
26: In 1868, a field at Folsom and 25th Sts. hosted the City's first baseball game.
27: In 1978, S.F. and the world were shocked when both Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk were assasinated at City Hall by Dan White, a onetime City firefighter and policeman having resigned as supervisor several days earlier.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

NOVEMBER 1992

*S.F. Muni announced a meeting to discuss possible rerouting of the *56 Rutlond* line.

*The *Neighborhood Empowerment Program* of the S.F. Mayor's Office held a workshop Nov. 5 at Geneva Towers.

*Work was commenced on Tuntex Corporation's S.F. Executive Park *Crescent Hill*, a large condominium project adjacent to Candlestick Park.

*Friends gathered for a *Paint Day* project at Visitacion Valley Elementary School.

*Tuntex also purchased 500 acres to the east of Bayshore Blvd. for possible retail or industrial use.

*Koyuse Camp Fire leader Anne Kaartunen left the helm of the local chapter after more than seven years as its director.

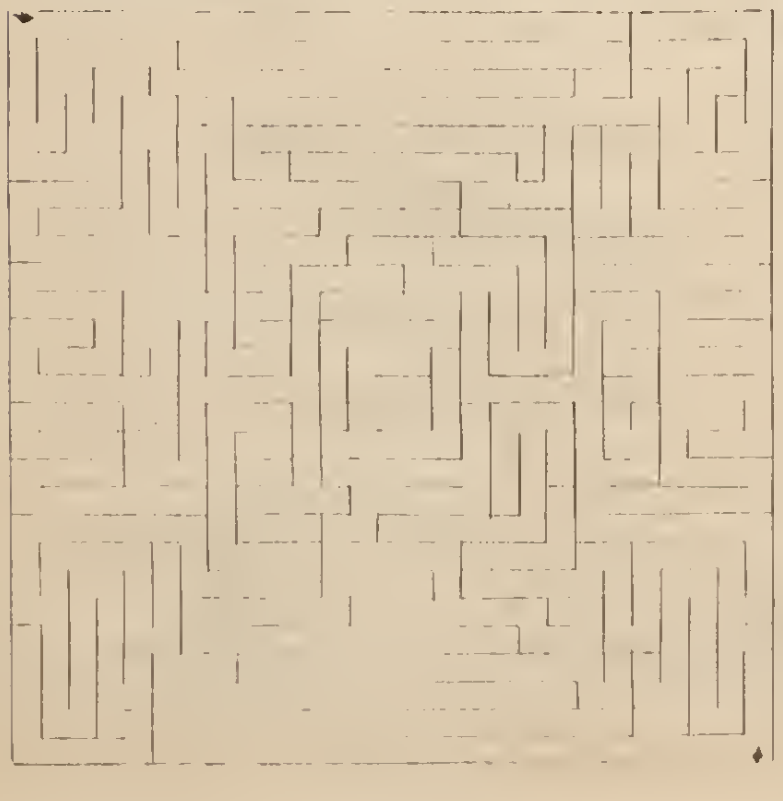
*Valley Baptist Church hosted a banquet for Seniors on Nov. 25 at Geneva Towers.

Workshop Will Direct Parents in Making Positive Decisions for Successful Youth

Parents can learn about positive discipline practices, how to help children succeed in school, and how to develop a drug and alcohol policy for the home in a helpful workshop at Visitacion Valley Middle School.

Helping Our Children to Succeed will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 450 Raymond Ave. from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in English, Spanish and Cantonese. Childcare and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call the Visitacion Valley Community Beacon at 452-4907.

Minute Maze



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Bank of America
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Embarcadero Center, No. 4
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One Sansome
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101 Montgomery Street
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Union Bank
Wells Fargo Building

Boz Who?

Match quotes to speakers

1. "Life is what happens while you are making other plans."
2. "It was so cold, I almost got married."
3. "There are no good girls gone wrong, just bad girls found out."
4. "You're not a star until they can spell your name in Karachi."
5. "Finishing second in the Olympics gets you silver. Finishing second in politics gets you oblivion."
6. "It is always the unreadable that occurs."
7. "Life is like a B-movie. You don't want to leave in the middle of it but you don't want to see it again."
8. "The real leader has no need to lead--he is content to point the way."
9. "If a man owns land, the land owns him."

A. Shelley Winters
B. Henry Miller
C. Humphrey Bogart
D. Ralph Waldo Emerson
E. Mae West
F. Ted Turner
G. John Lennon
H. Richard Nixon
I. Oscar Wilde

Answers: 1-G; 2-A; 3-E; 4-C; 5-H; 6-I; 7-F; 8-B; 9-D

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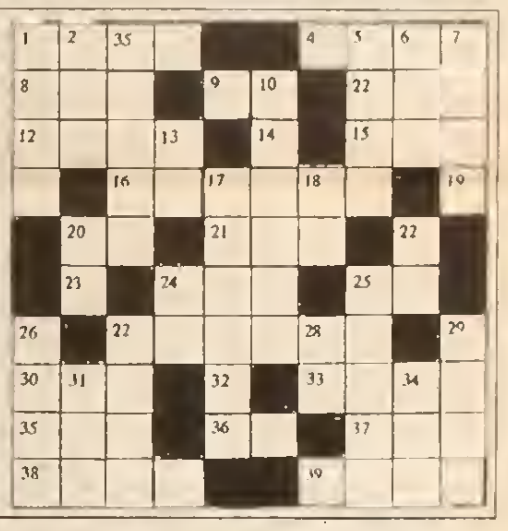

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1. Said
4. Hail
8. Santa__
9. Alternative
11. Anger
12. Before Easter
14. Vowel
15. Shelter
18. Resolve
19. Shirt
20. Be
21. Time
22. __Bomb
23. __Judah
24. Vase
25. On Account
26. Home(ab)
27. Beginnings
29. 16th letter
30. Top
32. 4th vowel
33. Frost
35. Untruth
36. For
37. Consume
38. Story
39. Growth

DOWN
1. High
2. First
3. Disembarks
5. Current
6. Mineral
7. Confined
10. Rules
13. Tellurium
17. Vegetable
18. Nare
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24. Subsidy
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26. Stop
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28. Tradition
29. __Seeger
31. Agency
34. __West

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2: Fran Allison (1924); Robert Armstrong (1896); Dainiel Boone (1734); Alice Brady (1893); James Dunn (1905); Bob Super Dave Einstein (1940); Warren G. Harding (1865); Dennis King (1897); k.d. lang (1961); Burt Langcaster (1913) James K. Polk (1795); Ann Rutherford (1920)
3: Roseanne (1952); Charles Bronson (1922); Jack Donohue (1912); Michael Dukakis (1933); Larry Holmes (1949); Lulu (1948); Dennis Miller (1953); Paul Wayne (1937)
4: Martin Balsam (1919); Art Carney (1918); Walter Cronkite (1916); Paul Douglas (1907); B.F. Goodrich (1841); Darla Hood (1931); Ralph Machio (1962); Doris Roberts (1930); Will Rogers (1879); Allan Sherman (1924); Loretta Swit (1937); Gig Young (1913)
5: Bryan Adams (1959); Herb Edelman (1933); Eugene Debs (1855); Art Garfunkel (1941); Andrea McArdle (1963); Joel McCrea (1905); Peter Noone (1947); Tatum O'Neal (1963); Roy Rogers (1912); Natalie Schafer (1912); Sam Shepard (1943); Elke Somer (1940); Ike Turner (1931)
6: Ray Coniff (1916); Sally Field (1945); Mike Nichols (1931); P.J. Proby (1938); Doug Sahm (1941); Maria Schriver (1955); John Philip Sousa (1854)
7: Lotta Crabtree (1847); Marie Curie (1867); Billy Graham (1918); Al Hirt (1922); Dean Jagger (1903); Joni Mitchell (1943); Johnny Rivers (1942); Joan Sutherland (1926)
8: Mary Hart (1951); Jane Havoc (1916); Katherine Hepburn (1909); Ricki Lee Jones (1954); Patti Page (1927); Bonnie Raitt (1949); Esther Rolle (1933); Morley Safer (1931); Gene Saks (1921); Robert Strauss (1913); Roy Wood (1946)
9: Spiro Agnew (1918); Marie Dressler (1869); Lou Ferrigno (1932); Charlie Jones (1930); Hedy Lamarr (1913); Claude Rains (1889); Mary Travers (1936)
10: Richard Burton (1925); Donna Fargo (1945); MacKenzie Phillips (1959); Roy Scheider (1932)
11: Stubby Kaye (1918); Susan Kohner (1936); Charles Manson (1934); Demi Moore (1962); Pat O'Brien (1899); George Patton (1885); Joe Penner (1904); Robert Ryan (1913); Gene Tierner (1920); Jonathan Winters (1911); Jessie Colin Young (1944)
12: Harry S. Ackerman (1912); Tonya Harding (1971); Kim Hunter (1922); Grace Kelly (1929); Al Michaels (1944); Jack Oakie (1903); Stephanie Powers (1942); Jo Stafford (1918); Neil Young (1945)
13: Peter Cooke (1937); Jack Elam (1916); Whoopi Goldberg (1950); Joe Mantegna (1947); Gary Marshall (1934); Clyde McPhatter (1933); Richard Mulligan (1932); Robert Sterling (1917); Robert Louis Stevenson (1850)
14: Prince Charles (1948); Rosemary DeCamp (1910); Robert Fulton (1756); Robert Ginty (1948); Brian Keith (1921); McLean Stevenson (1929); Yanni (1954)
15: Ed Asner (1929); Petula Clark (1932); Beverly D'Angelo (1954); John Lerr (1931); Veronica Lake (1919); Judge Joseph Wapner (1919); Sam Waterson (1940)
16: Lisa Bonet (1967); Daws Butler (1916); Dwight Gooden (1964); W.C. Handy (1873); Mary Margaret McBride (1899); Donna McKwehnie (1942); Burgess Meredith (1909); Guy Stockwell (1938)
17: Danny DeVito (1944); Lauren Hutton (1944); Gordon Lightfoot (1938); Lorne Michaels (1944); Martin Scorsese (1942); Tom Seaver (1944)
18: Hank Ballard (1936); Imogene Coca (1908); Linda Evans (1942); Kevin Nealon (1953); Graham Parker (1950); Jameson Parker (1947); Elizabeth Perkins (1961); Brenda Vaccaro (1939); Kim Wilde (1960)
19: Dick Cavett (1936); Jodie Foster (1962); Indria Gandhi (1917); James A. Garfield (1831); Dan Haggerty (1941); Larry King (1933); Calvin Klein (1942); Meg Ryan (1963); Ted Turner (1938); Clifton Webb (1891); Alan Young (1919)
20: Kaye Ballard (1926); Allistair Cooke (1908); Richard Dawson (1932); Bo Derek (1956); Veronica Hamel (1943); Robert Kennedy (1925); Ruth Laredo (1937); Richard Masur (1948); Estelle Parsons (1927); Dick Smothers (1939)
21: Joseph Campanella (1927); Dr. John (1940); Goldie Hawn (1945); Laurence Lukenbill (1934); Harpo Marx (1893); Ralph Meeker (1920); Juliet Mills (1941); Elanor Powell (1904); Marlo Thomas (1943)
22: Boris Becker (1967); Michael Callan (1935); Tom Conti (1922); Jamie Lee Curtis (1958); Rodney Dangerfield (1922); Mariel Hemingway (1961); Billie Jean King (1943); Robert Vaughn (1932); Ray Walston (1918)
23: Ellen Drew (1915); Bruce Hornsby (1954); Victor Jory (1902); Boris Karloff (1887); Franklin Pierce (1804)
24: William F. Buckley (1925); Ronald Delums (1925); Howard Duff (1917); Geraldine Fitzgerald (1913); Marlin Fitzwater (1942); Scott Joplin (1868); Stanley Livingston (1950); Dick Powell (1904); Fr. Junipero Serra (1713)
25: Christina Applegate (1972); Steve Brodie (1919); Amy Grant (1960); Joe DiMaggio (1914); John F. Kennedy, Jr. (1960); John Larroquette (1947); Ricardo Montalban (1920); Carry Nation (1846); Pete Sledge (1940)
26: Olivia Cole (1942); Frances Dee (1907); Robert Goulet (1933); Rich Little (1938); Maria Mercer (1935); Charles Schultz (1922); Eric Sevaried (1935); Tina Turner (1938)
27: Robin Givens (1964); Jayne Kennedy (1951); Bruce Lee (1940); Eddie Rabbitt (1941); Buffalo Bob Smith (1917)
28: Ed Harris (1950); Gary Hart (1936); Hope Lange (1931); Randy Newman (1943); Paul Schaffer (1949)
29: Busby Berkeley (1895); Felix Cavaliere (1944); Diane Ladd (1932); Rod LaRocque (1898); Howie Mandel (1955); Chuck Mangione (1940); John Mayall (1933); Frank Reynolds (1923); Vin Scully (1927); Gary Shandling (1949)
30: Shirlwey Chisholm (1924); Winston Churchill (1874); Dick Clark (1929); Richard Crenna (1920); Robert Guillaume (1937); Billy Idol (1955); Virginia Mayo (1920); Jonathan Swift (1667); Mark Twain (1835); Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. (1923)

November 1997

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	10 11:30 a.m. VVCC Senior Shopping	VETERANS DAY 11 4:30 p.m. Sunnydale Tenants Meet 7:00 p.m. El Dorado NBC Meeting	12 6:00 p.m. Executive Park Advisory Committee	13	14 12 noon VVCC Senior Painting Classes	10:00 a.m. Friends of McLaren Park 15 10:30 a.m. Visitacion Valley Task Force Meeting at 50 Raymond
16	17 11:30 a.m. VVCC Senior Shopping	12:30 p.m. VVCC Senior Bingo 18 3:30 p.m. Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Collaborative Meets	19	3:00 p.m. Beacon Council Meets at VVMS 20 USDA Surplus Food Distribution at VVCC	21 12 noon VVCC Senior Painting Classes	22
23	24 11:30 a.m. VVCC Senior Shopping	12:30 p.m. VVCC Senior Bingo 25 4:00 p.m. VVCC Board Meeting	26	27	28	29
30	City Meetings: Aging-1st Wed 9:30 am; Airport-1st & 3rd Tu 3 pm; Arts-1st Mon 3 pm; Education-2nd/4th Tu 7 pm, Health-1st/3rd Tu 3 pm; Housing Authority-2nd/4th Th 4 pm, Human Rights-1st/3rd Th 4:30 pm; Library-1st Tu 5:30 pm, Planning-Th 1:30 pm; Police-Wed 5:30 pm; Port-1st Tu/3rd Wed 4:30 pm; Public Utilities-2nd/4th Tu 2 pm; Rec and Park-3rd Th 2 pm,					

Community Center "Invited the World"

Friday night, Oct. 10 was a night for swinging in the streets of the financial district as Angel Cruz and the H.J. Meyers Company pulled out all the stops for the second annual "Invite the World" fundraiser for Visitacion Valley Community Center. VVCC wishes to publicly thank Angel Cruz and all our friends from the San Francisco financial district. We really enjoyed our evening, and hope that you did, too.

Optional Enrollment Request Now Open

S.F Unified School District opened its *Optional Enrollment Request*, known as the OER Process, Nov. 3 to last through Jan. 9, 1998 for the 1998/99 school calendar. A separate application process for Lowell High School is open until Dec. 19, 1997

For the next two months through OER, families will be able to select schools that best meet their needs and interest To fifth and eighth graders, this is an extremely important time because it will determine which middle and high schools they will attend

For more information on pre-registration and OER procedures, call the Educational Placement Center at 241-6985

Crossword Solution

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Beacon Activities for Youth and Adults

Hello from the Visitacion Valley Community Beacon! We are located in the Visitacion Valley Middle School (VVMS). We support young people and their families to have fun and to learn. The Beacon Center is a partner with community groups and programs in offering daytime and evening programs for youth and adults. Our Center is funded by the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families, the S.F. School District and a collaborative group of private foundations and funders.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Is your child signed up yet? We have plenty of room for your child to join in our after school programs. We offer sports, cooking/sewing, drama, swimming lessons, choir, chess club, basketball with PAL and open recreation. We are looking for more girls to join our drumming and dance class with GASA. On Saturdays we are presenting a *Basketball Camp* with Real Options for City Kids (Rock) from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Nov. 15.

ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

**ESL Class* We welcome adults to our High Beginner ESL class Monday-Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 105 at VVMS.

**Beginning Computer Class* began Nov. 6. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Call now to sign up. Computers will soon be available on a drop-in basis for anyone to use.

*We are developing a *Family Resource Center* to offer information on jobs, community programs and training opportunities; come and be a part of starting it up!

**Clothes Closet* We accept and offer donations of clothes to support those seeking employment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need community members to join us, especially on our Beacon Council which helps to plan the future of Beacon programs. We welcome everyone at the Beacon Center and invite you to help us with some small projects, answering phones and keeping things running. We would love to have help with our after-school tutoring program.

COMING SOON

*Free Family Day Care training continues on Saturdays - November 15 and 22 at Visitacion Valley Community Center.

*A workshop on *Helping Our Children to Succeed* with Jerome Knox will be held Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 6:30 at the Beacon Center.

SUMP, THE GRUMP

TRAINING FOR BOARD LEADERSHIP

QUESTION:

WANT TO BECOME BETTER EQUIPPED TO BE AN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

ANSWER:

CHECK OUT OUR FREE BOARD TRAINING.
TRAININGS OCCUR EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM NOVEMBER 11TH-DECEMBER 17TH
PARTICIPANTS MUST COMMIT TO ATTEND ALL 5 SESSIONS

Topics include:
Roles and responsibilities of board members
Board recruitment and orientation
Financial and legal oversight
Fundraising

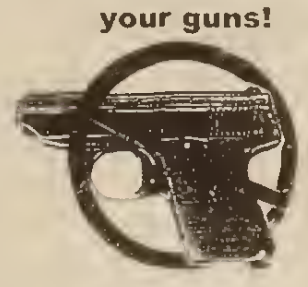
CERTIFICATE GIVEN AT THE COMPLETION OF TRAINING

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
at
Visitacion Valley Middle School
San Francisco, CA

For more information, please fax questions to Maria Ramos at the Support Center (415) 541-7708 or send e-mail to Almoore@aol.com

WANTED:

Members of the community to get rid of your guns!



Because:

ONE LESS GUN = ONE MORE LIFE

GET THE FACTS, MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE!!!

Participate in educating your community on Gun Violence

Please assist our community in its educational efforts to reduce the number of Guns in San Francisco

Turn in your gun on **December 6, 1997**

Gun Exchange Site: Pier 38

"One Less Gun, One More Life"

One Less Gun Campaign

For more information contact Dionne at the Neighborhood Safety Partnership @ 553-1962 ext 88

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List your Visitacion Valley business or organization for free in this directory. Call Visitacion Valley Grapevine at (415) 467-9300.

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BANK OF AMERICA, 6 Leland Ave., 622-4501
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BAYSHORE SERVICE (mechanic) 2596 Bayshore Blvd., 239-7450
BAY SHORE VIDEO, 241B Bay Shore Blvd., 333-6288
CHARLIE'S GARAGE (Charlie Awegh), 2550 Bayshore Blvd., 239-7450
CHURCH OF THE VISITACION, 655 Sunnydale Ave., (239-7450)
CITY NAILS (manicurist), 2435 Bayshore Blvd., 333-3865
CITY WASH INTERNATIONAL, 83 Leland Ave., 333-9467
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CONED BAKERY, 96 Leland Ave., 239-6090
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DeMASI'S BARBER SHOP, 35 Leland Ave.
EARLY YEARS ACADEMY, 500 Raymond Ave., 333-1450
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VALLEY AUTO & TRUCK SUPPLY (Bill Conte, Marc Pullian), 2520 Bayshore Blvd., 239-5880
VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, 305 Raymond Ave., 467-6055
VALLEY LAUNDRY, 90 Leland Ave.
VALLEY SUPER MARKET,65 Leland Ave., 239-7520
THE VILLAGE (community center), 333 Schwerin St., 239-5045
VISITACION CATHOLICAL CENTER, 795 Sunnydale Ave., 239-6723
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VISITACION STATION U.S.P.O., 68 Leland Ave., 239-7520
VISITACION VALLEY COMMUNITY BEACON CENTER, 450 Raymond Ave., 452-4907
VISITACION VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER, 50 Raymond Ave., 467-6400
VISITACION VALLEY DENTAL OFFICE (Albert Kuan, DDS), 37 Leland Ave., 239-5500
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Valley Roads Open and Closed

After the 400 block of Leland Avenue was closed Oct. 21, police cars and a tow truck arrived on the scene.

By Gerry I. Galvan

A number of hair raisers, spiritual and otherwise, happened in Visitacion Valley in the last month.

The Oct. 9-11 Billy Graham Crusade at the Cow Palace attracted thousands of followers to the facility, most experiencing the 79-year-old evangelist in person for the first time. A handful, including this reporter, had the fortune of seeing him at close range more than once. Dr. Graham held one of his earliest crusades in the Philippines during the mid-1950s.

Expounding on his old theme that Jesus Christ is mankind's Savior, Graham had a new approach this time. "The proper way of getting to a destination," he said, "is to have a map handy and be able to use such map properly." Graham said that in Christians' journey towards the Kingdom of God, the map is none other than the Holy Bible.

(At the Oakland Coliseum on Oct. 26, he expounded on the topic of *Offense of the Cross.*)

HIT AND RUN

Not far from the Cow Palace on Oct. 21, a considerable number of uniformed and plainclothes police rushed to 400 block of Leland Avenue to close the street and investigate an accident involving a motorist who struck a parked mobile home while fleeing an officer in pursuit.

McLAREN PARK IMPUT

The notion that neighborhood residents must be more involved in the use of their parks received a shot in the arm when Friends of McLaren Park leadership invited a large spectrum of local citizens to an Oct. 29 community meeting at the Burton High School cafeteria.

Club Chairperson Jo Coffey enjoined people around Sunnydale, Visitacion Valley, Excelsior and Portola to "come hear suggestions and give your ideas on how to make McLaren Park work for you and your family."

DA's Makes Plea Bargain in Graffiti Case

The S.F. District Attorney's Office obtained seven pleas Nov. 4 against a graffiti vandal for incidents that occurred between October, 1996 and July, 1997.

Ronald Salmeron, 20, of San Francisco plead guilty to seven separate vandalism cases all involving graffiti and was sentenced to probation. He will serve 450 hours in the Graffiti Abatement Program, pay restitution for damages and undergo counseling.

"I want to make it clear that my office will take action on these types of cases," said District Attorney Terence Hallinan. "It is fitting that Salmeron will spend 450 hours doing graffiti clean-up. Those individuals who perpetrate these crimes should take note that they face stiff penalties should they not choose to alter their behavior."

LELAND AVENUE SURVEY

里卿大道民意調查表

市長办公室屬下的社区发展部現正进行一項民意調查，目的是希望了解新谷区居民对於三里卿大道有关貨物和服务方面的需要. 調查表格可在以下地点索取或交還：

La Oficina del Alcalde para La Communidad tienen formas para oír los opiniones de la communidad de Visitacion Valley para mejorar los servicios en la calle Leland Avenue. Las formas para escribir los opiniones se pueden recojer y dejar en loas siguente lugares.

The Mayor's Office of Community Development is conducting a survey to find out what Visitacion Valley residents need, in terms of goods and services on Leland Avenue. Surveys are available for pick up and drop off at these following locations:

* **Bank of America, 6 Leland Avenue**
* **The Shop, 178 Leland Avenue**
* **Forty-Niner Cleaners, 81 Leland Avenue**
* **Sari-Sari Food Store, 38 Leland Avenue**
* **7-Eleven, 2200 Bayshore Boulevard**
* **Visitacion Valley Community Center, 50 Raymond Avenue**
* **The Village, 333 Schwerin Street**
* **Visitacion Valley Elementary School, 55 Schwerin Street**
* **El Dorado Elementary School, 70 Delta Street**
* **Visitacion Valley Middle School, 450 Raymond Avenue**
* **Visitacion Valley Beacon Center, 450 Raymond Avenue**
* **John King Senior Center, 590 Leland Avenue**
* **Sunnydale Housing Management Office, 1654 Sunnydale Avenue**
* **Samoan Community Development Center, 2055 Sunnydale Avenue**

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